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SUBJ: 1975 EXCHANGE REVIEW TALKS

1. DURING INFORMAL CONVERSATION AUGUST TWELVE, MFA CULT DIV OFFICIAL (AZAROV) TOLD EMBOFF THAT SOVIETS DO ANTICIPATE AN EXCHANGE AGREEMENT REVIEW MEETING AT END OF 1975. CULT DIV SUGGESTS TALKS WOULD BE INFORMAL AND WOULD FOCUS ON DISCUSSING PLANS FOR NEGOTIATIONS OF THE NEXT THREE YEAR PROGRAM. CULT DIV HAS NO POSITION ON WHEN IN 1976 NEGOTIATIONS WOULD BE HELD, SINCE TIMING MAY DEPEND IN PART ON POSSIBLE SUMMIT MEETING.

2. SOVIETS EXPECT 1975 TALKS WOULD TAKE PLACE IN WASHINGTON. AT LEAST ONE AND PROBABLY OTHER MOSCOW OFFICIALS WILL TRAVEL THERE. CANADIAN TALKS WILL BE IN MOSCOW IN NOVEMBER, MAKING DECEMBER BEST TIME FOR CULT DIV.

3. IN RESPONSE TO EMBOFF COMMENT, CULT DIV OFFICIAL AGREED THAT TIMING IS PROPITIOUS TO DISCUSS EXPANSION IN EXCHANGES. CULT DIV AT THIS TIME HAS NO REAL PROBLEMS TO RAISE.

4. FORMAL CAL BY P&C COUNSELOR ON VOLSKIY, HAD OF CULT DIV, IS SCHEDULED FOR LATE NEXT WEEK. NEGOTIATIONS
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AND OTHER TOPICS WILL BE RAISED PRIOR TO COUNSELOR'S

CONSULTATIONS IN WASHINGTON IN SEPTEMBER.
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